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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BIO INFORMATION - AMBASSADOR CHARLES KERREMANS

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1. KERREMANS WAS BORN IN BRUSSELS 1915 AND HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY AND LETTERS. HE ENTERED GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1940 AND THE BELGIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1946. HE SERVED SUBSEQUENTLY AT BONN (1949); VIENNA (1952) AND PARIS (1953). IN 1956 HE WAS APPOINTED ATTACHE TO THE KING AND IN 1964 BECAME CHAMBERLAIN TO THE KING. KERREMANS HAS SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND (1965-69); INDIA (1970-74); AND ZAIRE (1974-75). KERREMANS IS A SOPHISTICATED SENIOR PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT WITH CULTIVATED TASTES AND A MANNER TO GO WITH THEM. HE SPEAKS FLAWLESS ENGLISH. HE WAS PULLED OUT OF ZAIRE PREMATURELY WHEN GOZ INSISTED ON HIS REMOVAL AS PART OF THE PRICE FOR RESTORING BELGIAN-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS TO FRIENDLY LEVEL. BELGIAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT HOLD THIS AGAINST HIM, ALTHOUGH THEY CONCEDE HE IS PROBABLY BETTER FITTED FOR SUCH POSTS AS OTTAWA THAN IN DEALING WITH EX-COLONIALS.

2. FOR KINSHASA: PLEASA PROVIDE OTTAWA ANY FURTHER BIO INFO AVAILABLE. FIRESTONE

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